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Gov. Minner Appoints Julia McCabe Chair of the Delaware State Arts Council

Dover – Governor Ruth Ann Minner announced Monday that she has appointed Julia (Judy) M. McCabe of Wilmington to chair the Delaware State Arts Council.

"Judy is an extraordinarily capable person who has served the arts in leadership positions both in Delaware and on a national scale," Gov. Minner said. "She has devoted her professional and avocational endeavors to helping others develop a greater appreciation for the arts."

The position became vacant upon the resignation as chair of Annabelle C. Kressman, who has served on the council since her appointment by Gov. Tom Carper in 1995. Kressman has served as chair since 1996 and will continue to serve as a member of the council.

"Annabelle has provided wonderful leadership during her tenure as council chair," Gov. Minner said. "I have relied on her recommendations and guidance and the state has benefited from her commitment to showcasing and supporting the arts."

McCabe was first appointed to the Delaware State Arts Council by Gov. Mike Castle in 1988. McCabe is employed by Longwood Gardens where since 1994 she has been an instructor and lecturer in the education department. McCabe was president and owner of Blooming Arts, Inc., president and owner of Potpourri Plants and Gifts, and one of three founders of Artisans III in Wilmington.

"I am deeply honored that Gov. Minner has appointed me to become Chair of the Delaware State Arts Council," said McCabe. "I look forward to bringing the excitement of the arts to as many people as possible in Delaware."

She is married to William M. McCabe, retired from the DuPont Company, and has four children.